

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete paragraph [45] from the specification and substitute the following replacement paragraph in its place:

[45] The memory array is contained in the hardened hermetic assembly 10. The controller supplies power and a data interchange bus to the memory array in the hardened housing. In this embodiment, an acoustic locator transmitter device 34 comprising a pattern generator is attached to the exterior of the hardened housing to provide for assistance in locating the VDR during an investigation.